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Written Testimony – **Support**  
House Bill 2320  
House Committee on K-12 Budget  
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Chairperson Goetz, members of the Committee:

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 2320.**

Kansas NEA is a member-driven organization representing nearly 22,000 educators across the state of Kansas. Our members are organized into more than 265 local associations and work in schools and communities across nearly all 105 Kansas counties, serving students in urban, suburban, and rural districts alike.

The positions we advocate for are proposed, debated, and adopted by hundreds of educators selected by their peers to attend our annual Representative Assembly, reflecting the collective voice of education professionals of all political parties, beliefs, and backgrounds who are united by a commitment to Kansas public schools and the students they serve.

KNEA has several resolutions addressing the issue of educational access, stability, and protections for vulnerable student populations.

**Resolution D-2-11, as reflected in the Kansas NEA Book of Resolutions, states:**

*Kansas NEA believes that, in order to provide all children placed in foster care with a secure, supportive family environment, KNEA and its affiliates should support legislation that provides or requires the following:*

*a. Ongoing communication of pertinent medical and educational information between the social service agency and school personnel when appropriate;*

*KNEA further believes that individuals in the foster care system should have their educational rights respected and protected in the following ways:*

*a. The student should remain enrolled in their school of origin to promote positive school continuity, unless it is not in their best interest pursuant to state and federal law;*

*b. The receiving education placement will be provided copies of all comprehensive school records, which may include but not be limited to discipline history and current specialized education plans in a timely manner as prescribed by law.*

### **Alignment with KNEA Resolutions and Student Stability**

HB 2320 directly reflects long-standing KNEA resolutions supporting educational stability for children in foster care. Our resolutions emphasize maintaining a student's school of origin when it is in the child's best interest and ensuring timely transfer of educational records so services can continue without disruption. This bill moves state law in that direction by prioritizing continuity, coordination, and the educational needs of students in state custody.

### **Timely Record Transfers and Implementation Concerns**

While KNEA supports the goal of rapid record transfer, we do have some concern that a strict two-business-day deadline may be challenging in practice, particularly for districts managing complex records or coordinating across multiple agencies. Our concern is not with the intent of the bill, but with ensuring districts have the capacity and clarity needed to comply without unintended consequences.

### **Transportation Coordination and Reimbursement**

KNEA also notes the bill's requirement for coordination when transportation is needed to maintain a child's school of origin. We support this approach but remain concerned about the lack of clarity around reimbursement mechanisms for mandated transportation costs. School districts will need clear guidance to ensure these responsibilities do not shift costs in ways that undermine local resources or implementation.

In closing, Kansas NEA supports HB 2320 because it advances educational stability for children in state custody and aligns with long-standing resolutions adopted by our members, while recognizing that implementation details matter.

**Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2320.**